



Montgomery County's Agricultural Leaders Luncheon August 16, 2010

David Weitzer, Chairman
Montgomery County
Agricultural Advisory Committee -Update



Montgomery County's Agricultural Advisory Committee

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Randy Stabler, Farmer Member
Drew Stabler, Farmer Member
Lois Stoner, Non Farmer Member
Gene Walker, Farmer Member



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- Meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Up-County Regional Services Center in Germantown
- For more information about the AAC please contact: Jeremy Criss
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What is The Purpose of the Agricultural Leaders Luncheon

- To Extend Thanks and Appreciation to the individuals that serve on County appointed Boards and Committees
- To Bring our Agricultural Leaders together during the Agricultural Fair to help promote the importance of Agriculture and Farming in the County
- To Exchange information with our Elected and Appointed officials

Batchelors Purchase - RLP

What is the Current Status of Agriculture in Montgomery

- **Agricultural activities** occupy about one-third of Montgomery County's Land Area and the County has a very diverse agricultural industry –
- **561 farms** and 350 horticultural enterprises –
- Agriculture Produces more than **\$243 million** in economic contribution and employs more than 10,000 residents
- Montgomery County's Population 951,000 is the highest in the State-23 Counties
- Even with the Highest Population in the State of Maryland...
- Montgomery County's Production of crops is ranked mostly in the Middle
- Production of Corn 14th in the State
- Production of Soybeans 13th in the State
- Production of Wheat 11th in the State
- Production of Hay 8th in the State

Did you know that

- Montgomery County was one of the first Counties in the US to develop No-Till Conservation Planting
- Montgomery County has the highest percentage 90% of farmland preserved through agricultural easements.
- Montgomery County has the most acres planted in berries and pumpkins in the State.

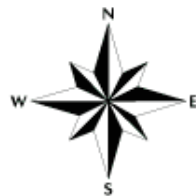
Weitzer - AEP

County Council Legislative Update for September

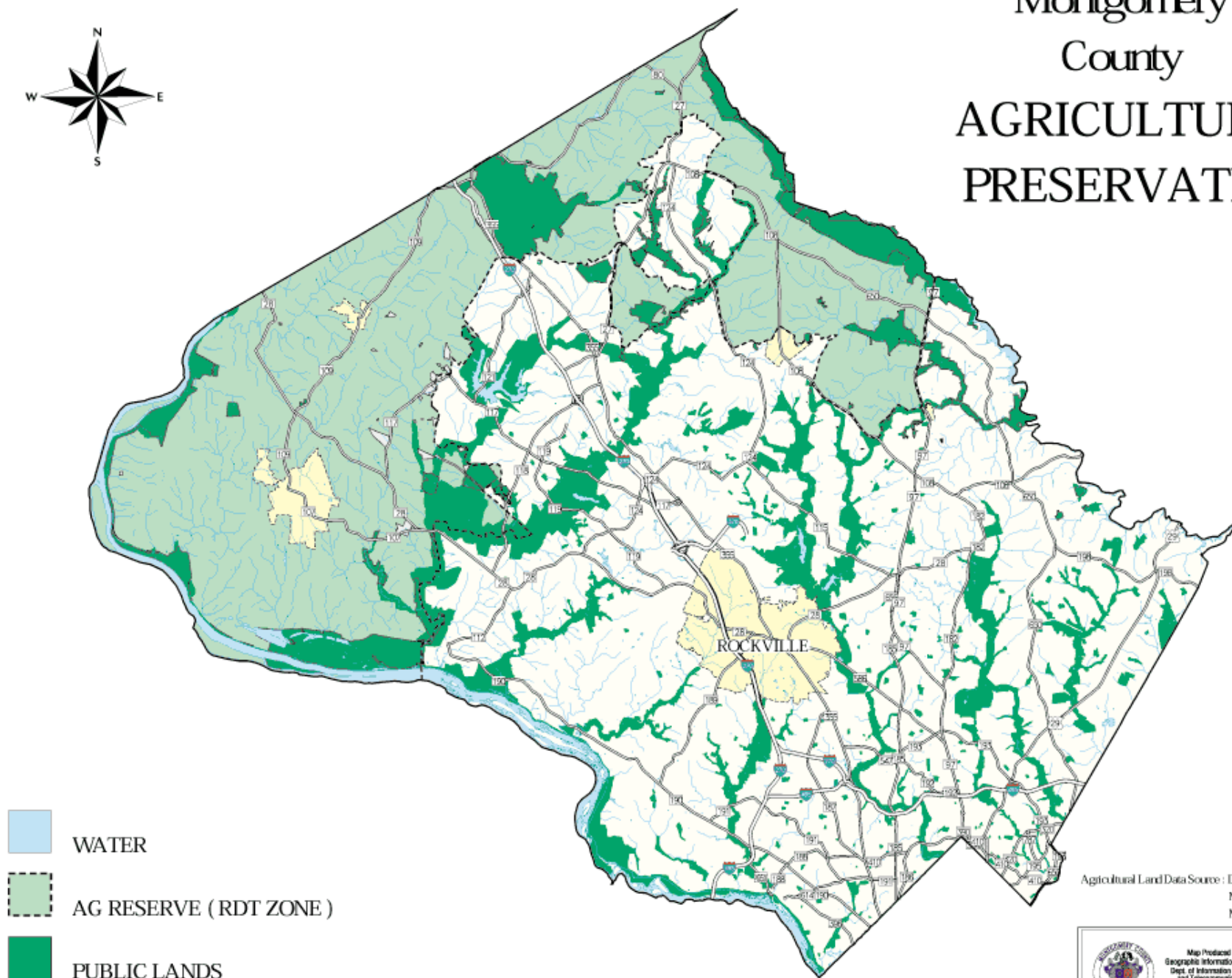
- *Zoning Text Amendment 10-12 for new Child Lot Standards was Introduced*
- *The agricultural community needs to participate in the September 21, 2010 public hearing and Council Work Session that will follow*
- *The Barnesville Oaks subdivision plan proposes 24 lots and is driving new policies that will impact the RDT zone*




Agricultural Reserve Signs Installed Along 6 State Roads





Montgomery County AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION



-  WATER
-  AG RESERVE (RDT ZONE)
-  PUBLIC LANDS

Agricultural Land Data Source : DED Agricultural Services
MNC& PC
MD Office of Planning



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County Agricultural Initiatives

- Buy Local Challenge 2010
 - July 17-25th
- 21st Annual Farm Tour and Harvest Sale
 - July 24 & 25th

I pledge to eat
at least one item from a
local farm every day
during
"Buy Local Week!"

*That's the last week
in July every year.*





Questions?

